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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please SUBSTITUTE all pending claims (Claim 60) with Claims 60 and 70-96 as follows:

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60. A method for obtaining credit for a customer comprising the steps of:
obtaining an indication from a credit provider of a line of credit that has been established for a customer who is expected to arrive at a particular location;
then offering said credit line to said customer while said customer is at said location; and
activating said credit line as part of a chargeable event at said location.
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70. (NEW) A computer-readable medium storing instructions configured to direct a processor to perform the method of claim 60.
71. (NEW) A device comprising:
a processor; and
the computer-readable medium of claim 70, in communication with the processor.
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72. (NEW) A device comprising:
means for obtaining an indication from a credit provider of a line of credit that has been established for a customer who is expected to arrive at a particular location;
means for then offering said credit line to said customer while said customer is at said location; and
means for activating said credit line as part of a chargeable event at said location.
73. (NEW) A method comprising:
obtaining an indication from a credit provider of a line of credit that has been established for a customer arriving at a predetermined location;
offering to the customer to activate the line of credit while the customer is at the predetermined location; and
activating the line of credit as part of a chargeable event at the predetermined location.
74. (NEW) The method of claim 73, in which obtaining an indication comprises:
obtaining a credit card.
75. (NEW) The method of claim 74, in which the credit card is associated with the line of credit.
76. (NEW) The method of claim 74, in which the credit card is associated with the customer.
77. (NEW) The method of claim 74, in which offering comprises:
offering the credit card to the customer.
78. (NEW) The method of claim 74, in which activating comprises:
activating the credit card.

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79. (NEW) The method of claim 73, further comprising:
transmitting a request for a line of credit for the customer to the credit provider.
80. (NEW) The method of claim 79, in which transmitting comprises:
transmitting a request for a credit card for the customer.
81. (NEW) The method of claim 79, in which transmitting comprises:
transmitting a request for a credit card account for the customer.
82. (NEW) The method of claim 73, further comprising:
generating information about the customer.
83. (NEW) The method of claim 82, in which the information comprises a transaction history
associated with the customer.
84. (NEW) The method of claim 82, further comprising:
transmitting the information about the customer to the credit provider.
85. (NEW) The method of claim 73, further comprising:
receiving a reservation for future services from the customer.
86. (NEW) The method of claim 73, further comprising:
creating a data record indicating a credit status for the customer.
87. (NEW) The method of claim 73, further comprising:
providing at least one incentive to the customer to make a purchase at the predetermined
location.
88. (NEW) The method of claim 73, in which the chargeable event is a purchase.
89. (NEW) The method of claim 73, further comprising:
transmitting an indication of a guarantee for an amount in excess of the line of credit.
90. (NEW) The method of claim 73, in which the customer has not solicited a line of credit.
91. (NEW) The method of claim 73, further comprising:
transmitting to the credit provider an indication of an amount of credit for the customer.
92. (NEW) The method of claim 91, in which the line of credit is based on the amount of
credit.
93. (NEW) A computer-readable medium storing instructions configured to direct a
processor to perform the method of claim 73.
94. (NEW) A device comprising:

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a processor; and
the computer-readable medium of claim 93, in communication with the processor.

95. (NEW) A device comprising:
means for obtaining an indication from a credit provider of a line of credit that has been established for a customer expected to arrive at a predetermined location;
means for offering to the customer to activate the line of credit for the customer; and
means for activating the line of credit as part of a chargeable event at the predetermined location.

96. (NEW) A method for obtaining credit for a customer comprising the steps of:
obtaining an indication from a credit provider of a line of credit that has been established for a customer who is expected to arrive at a particular location, in which the line of credit is associated with a credit card account;
then offering said credit line to said customer while said customer is at said location; and
activating said credit line as part of a chargeable event at said location, in which the chargeable event is associated with the credit card account.